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GORDON NOVEL PLANS RETURN

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gordon Novel, long at odds with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison over his return there to testify in Garrison's grand jury investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, has said here he will return to New Orleans and testify before the Grand Jury March 7 and 8.

The Grand Jury is probing Garrison's contention that Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a far-flung assassination plot to slay President Kennedy.

Novel, a former New Orleans night-club owner, came to Columbus last summer to evade a summons to testify before the Grand Jury. He appeared at a news conference here Tuesday with his wife, former Playboy "Bunny" Abby Mulligan, and dispelled rumors of a marital rift.

Novel said he knows nothing about Garrison's alleged "conspiracy."

"I'm tired of fighting," Novel told newsmen. "I think it's time to bring this to a head. I want to have a home and raise a family."